

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to recognize David N. McGriff, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those law enforcement professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, always remaining true to their motto, "To protect and serve"; and

WHEREAS, David N. McGriff, Sr., is one such estimable person who will be taking a much deserved retirement from his position as director of the West Tennessee Violent Crime and Drug Task Force comprised of the 28th, 29th, and 30th Judicial Districts and also his position as chief investigator for the Shelby County District Attorney's Office in the 30th Judicial District on March 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, with forty-four years of experience in the field of Federal, State, and local law enforcement, Mr. McGriff began his admirable career of service and sacrifice as a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving an honorable discharge, he became an officer with the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, where he made a lifelong vow to serve and protect his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, he later served as an officer with the Memphis Police Department before accepting a position as general criminal investigator with the District Attorney of the 30th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional performance and dedication to law enforcement earned him the position of Task Force Supervisor for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), after which he became Deputy Director of the West Tennessee Drug Task Force; and

WHEREAS, his impressive leadership as deputy director led to his promotion to Director of the West Tennessee Violent Crime and Drug Task Force, in which position he continued to

serve after being appointed chief criminal investigator with the Criminal Investigative Division of the Shelby County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, David McGriff further demonstrated his commitment to law enforcement through his dedicated membership in the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy Association and the Metropolitan Area Chiefs of Police Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his extensive professional experience, Mr. McGriff's qualifications included strenuous coursework at American University and the University of Virginia as well as graduation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy; and

WHEREAS, though he will always cherish his time in law enforcement, he looks forward to his well-earned retirement and the opportunity to spend more time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGriff is the proud father of David Neill McGriff, Jr., a member of Shelby County law enforcement, Angie Seibring, a homemaker, and Neely Thrasher, who works in the optometry field in Collierville; and

WHEREAS, he has also been blessed with five grandchildren and has another one on the way; and

WHEREAS, David N. McGriff, Sr., exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and loyalty that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, he has served his community and his country with the utmost pride, professionalism, and integrity throughout the many years of his esteemed career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend David N. McGriff, Sr., exceptional investigator and friend to his community, for his years of exemplary service with the West Tennessee Violent Crime and Drug Task Force and the Shelby County District Attorney's Office, thank him for his dedication and leadership, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.